



Satellite image with enhanced low cloud-top temperatures (degrees C) for 7:15 a.m. EDT (NOAA)

Agricultural Weather Highlights - Friday - October 10, 2003

- ***In the West***, scattered showers are returning to ***Arizona***, providing limited drought relief. Meanwhile, cooler air is overspreading winter wheat areas of the ***Northwest***, although unfavorably dry conditions continue to slow wheat emergence.
- ***On the Plains***, warm, mostly dry weather is promoting summer crop maturation and harvesting. Isolated showers in ***Montana*** are having little effect on extremely dry conditions on the ***northern and central High Plains***, which continue to hamper winter wheat germination and establishment. Meanwhile, recently planted wheat across the ***southeastern half of the Plains*** is benefiting from recent soil moisture improvements.
- ***In the Corn Belt***, scattered showers are causing brief fieldwork delays in the ***Ohio Valley*** and ***lower Great Lakes region***. Elsewhere in the ***Midwest***, dry weather and late-season warmth favor summer crop dry down and harvesting.
- ***In the South***, widespread showers are slowing fieldwork, including summer crop harvesting and initial winter wheat planting, primarily from the ***Delta eastward***.

Outlook: A slow-moving disturbance will maintain periods of rain in the ***Southeast***, while high pressure will provide mild, mostly dry weather in the ***Northeastern and Great Lakes States***. Meanwhile, showers will accompany a cold front crossing ***northern and central portions of the Rockies and Plains***. Cool air trailing the front will end a late-season warm spell. ***West of the Rockies***, a series of cold fronts will maintain cool, unsettled weather in the ***Pacific Northwest***, while showers will continue in portions of the ***Southwest***. The NWS 6-10 day outlook for October 15-19 calls for a return to cool weather across much of the ***eastern half of the U.S.***, while warm, mostly dry weather will prevail in the ***West***. Below-normal precipitation is also forecast across the ***Delta*** and ***southern Florida***, while wetter-than-normal weather is likely in the ***upper Midwest***, ***Northeast***, and parts of ***western Texas***.

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